CHAPTER NO. 622

SENATE BILL NO. 2377

By Henry

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2622

By Odom, Sargent, Brenda Turner

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 1, relative to theft of stone walls.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-105, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new language, to be designated as subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state or any county or municipality is authorized to post the following signage along the right-of-way of any state or local roadway located in close proximity to a stone or rock wall:

WARNING!

IT CONSTITUTES THE CRIME OF THEFT TO KNOWINGLY REMOVE, WITHOUT OWNER CONSENT, ANY PORTION OF A STONE OR ROCK WALL LOCATED ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OR ON PRIVATE PROPERTY! SANCTIONS ARE SUBSTANTIAL!

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 10, 2002

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17th day of April 2002